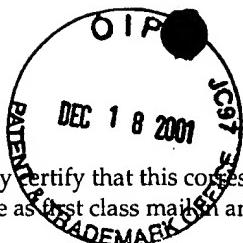


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Sir:

Pursuant to the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56, Applicant brings the following documents to the attention of the Examiner in the above-identified patent application:

- 1) U.S. Patent No. 1,976,656 to Clark, issued October 9, 1934;
- 2) U.S. Patent No. 4,361,969 to Vermonet, issued December 7, 1982;
- 3) U.S. Patent No. 4,744,157 to Dubner, issued May 17, 1988;
- 4) U.S. Patent No. 4,813,158 to Brown, issued March 21, 1989;
- 5) U.S. Patent No. 4,991,317 to Lakic, issued February 12, 1991;

- 6) U.S. Patent No. 5,025,575 to Lakic, issued June 25, 1991;
- 7) U.S. Patent No. 5,060,401 to Whatley, issued October 29, 1991;
- 8) U.S. Patent No. 5,253,435 to Auger et al., issued October 19, 1993;
- 9) U.S. Patent No. 5,425,184 to Lyden et al., issued June 20, 1995;
- 10) U.S. Patent No. 5,595,004 to Lyden et al., issued January 21, 1997 ;
- 11) U.S. Patent No. 5,830,553 to Huang, issued November 3, 1998;
- 12) U.S. Patent No. Des. 380,290 to Nakagawa, issued July 1, 1997; and
- 13) French Patent Application No. 2614510, filed April 30, 1987.

Discussion

In compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.98, a PTO-1449 form is included herewith listing these documents, and a copy of each of these documents is attached.

A first Official Action has not yet issued for this application. Therefore, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b)(1), Applicants submit that no fees are required for the Examiner's consideration of the documents listed in this Information Disclosure Statement. However, if the Commissioner deems that any fees are necessary, the Commissioner is authorized to charge such fees to Deposit Account No. 19-0733.

In conclusion, Applicants respectfully ask that the documents listed above be considered by the Examiner in the above-identified patent application and that they be made officially of record, and that a listing of the same appear on the face of any patent which may issue from this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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